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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. OKUYAMA, et al.
Application No.: 10/601,632
Filed: June 24, 2005
For: SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING HOST ACCESS TO A
STORAGE DEVICE BASED ON PHYSICAL
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STORAGE DEVICE (as
amended)
Art Unit: 2186
Examiner: Hetul B. Patel
Confirmation No.: 1458

AMENDMENT

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January 20, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2;

Remarks are included beginning on page 8; and

Authorization is included on page 9.